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COMBINED DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

Docket No. _____

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.
 I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "A sweetening composition and its uses", the specification of which

(check) is attached hereto.

was filed on May 4, 1999 as Application Serial No. 09/305,178
 and was amended on May 4, 1999 (if applicable).

was filed as PCT international application Number _____ on _____
 and was amended under PCT Article 19 on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me to be material to patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application (s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application (s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is now claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)

			Priority Claimed
<u>98 05806</u>	<u>FRANCE</u>	<u>07th May 1998</u>	Yes
(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year Filed)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year Filed)	Yes No

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

<u>(Application Serial No.)</u>	<u>(Filing Date)</u>	<u>(Status—patented, pending, abandoned)</u>
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